

BRICKS n PIECES magazine

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- FREE LEGO Accessory Pack with orders £5 or over (while stocks last)
- See great new Explorions key ring
- Get 2 FREE pens with every Vector Rollerball ordered

LEGO
CLUB

EXPLORIENS

to the rescue!

"Lower the decoder
Lieutenant. I think we've
found where the Ikas breed
their giant Bio-beetles."



It was 3200 AD. The
space station Saturn 3
was on a secret
mission, a million
light years from
Earth, docked on the
darkest side of Planet
Ika - home to the
insect-eating Ika
aliens.

"This is London! London calling
Saturn 3. Come in please! We
need your help - It's raining
beetles here. The sky is black
with Bio-beetles!"



Sure enough, the decoder picked
out dozens of black Bio-beetles
crawling in the lifeless dust. The
Ikas were building a colony of
the super-beetles to feed their
hungry youngsters.

But the Bio-beetles could find no
food on Planet Ika and were
beginning to waste away.

Suddenly, there
were loud noises
from the hologram
control panel.

"Captain King here.
Put all 'Exploriens' on
full alert! We're
heading home."

LASER QUEST COMPETITION

HEY! Check out this **sound competition** for all you Space Exploriens.

Win one of 25 parties for you and your mates

at **wacky Laser Quest centres** around the country.

500 runners-up will get **cool** LEGO baseball caps.

Pick up an entry form from local toy shops from March.

At the speed of light, the 'Saturn 3' spacecraft blasted off into dust-filled space.

If you flip this you can build it!



Step 1

Flip N' Build

"Crow! Prepare the radio telescope. Let's see what we're up against."

It was time for drastic action. The Earth was being invaded by armies of black Bio-beetles.

TARGET AREA

As the Earth drew nearer, the extent of the damage could be seen through Saturn 3's optical telescope. The starving beetles were munching their way through acres of grass, trees and plantlife. The Ikas were trying to fatten them up.

"Lieutenant, Explorien Crusaders at the ready! And prepare the Space Scout vehicle for action! I'm going in there! The only way to rid the Earth of Bio-beetles is to beam them up into outer space."

OPTICAL TELESCOPE

Will Captain King succeed? Will the Explorians vaporise the Bio-beetles and save the Earth's grasslands and rain forests?

Only YOU can discover what really happened by using the special De-coding equipment in LEGO Explorians sets. Or make up your own De-coder using cardboard with red and blue cellophane squares.

The answers are hidden in the panel below.

DE-CODE

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So you want to know more
about

space!

One of the best places to go to find out about space is Jodrell Bank near Holmes Chapel in Cheshire.

This is the home of the Lovell Telescope - the world's first giant radio telescope. It was built in the 1950's by Sir Bernard Lovell and today continues to explore deep space.

Radio telescopes work like satellite dishes - they collect radio waves in their huge curved 'bowls'. The radio waves come from stars and galaxies in space. We can also see these stars through optical telescopes because they give out light.

Receivers on radio telescopes 'tune' into the radio waves, then computers convert the signals into radio maps and pictures. By studying these pictures astronomers can explore the structures of the stars and galaxies and even the Universe itself!

Another way astronomers have of seeing into space is by launching telescopes which orbit high above the Earth. The Hubble Space Telescope, named after the astronomer Edwin Hubble, is one of these.

Hubble is an optical telescope that cost £1.3 billion to launch six years ago! Pictures of over 1,500 galaxies - 12 billion light years away - are now being sent back to Earth from Hubble.

If there IS life out there somewhere in the Universe, the journeys to find it would take years in the spacecraft we have today. If, on the other hand, someone finds a way to travel through time, 'Explorians' will be as real in the future as the space shuttle is today!

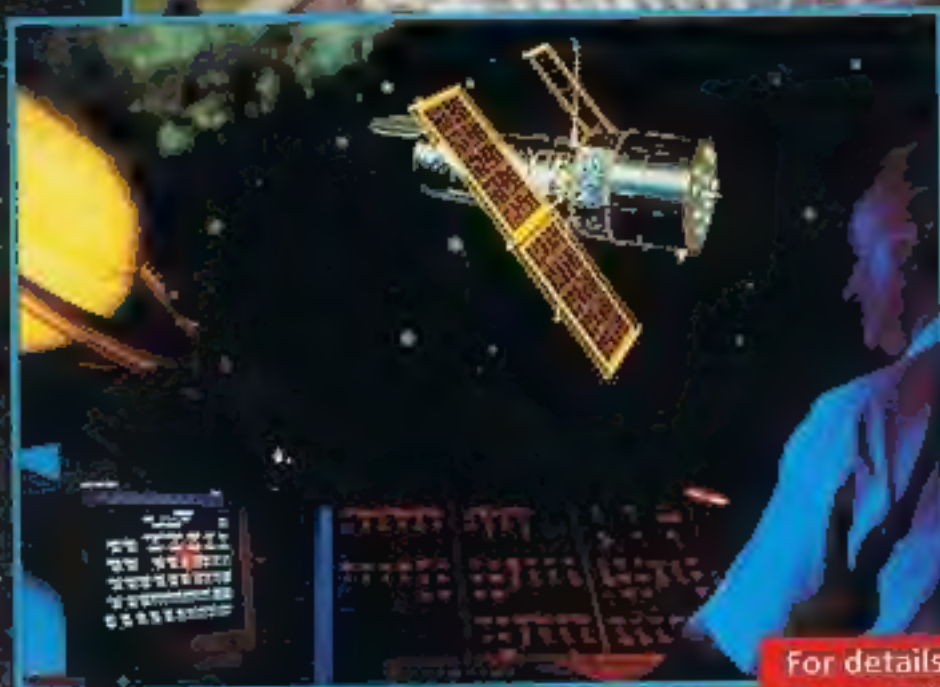
Did you know that...


Jodrell Bank has 143,000 visitors every year. 60,000 of these are children.

180 people work at Jodrell Bank including astronomers, engineers, lecturers and support staff.

The Earth is in the Milky Way galaxy

For details of opening times at Jodrell Bank Science Centre telephone 01477 571339.





Flip N'Build

Step 2



COMPETITION

Win a trip to Jodrell Bank - and have lunch with an astronomer!

That's right! You could win 1st Prize of an all-expenses paid visit to Jodrell Bank Astronomy Centre in Cheshire.

There's so much to see - AND you'll be having lunch with a real astronomer!

Sounds out of this world? It is - and you'll also win a fantastic LEGO Explorien set.

Five runners-up will receive second prizes of LEGO Explorien Crusader sets (6856). There are also 20 third prizes of LEGO Explorien keyrings.

Just write your answers to the following questions on a postcard and send it marked "Jodrell Bank Competition" to the LEGO Club at the address below. (Don't forget to add your name, address and membership number).

- 1 Is the sun a planet or a star?
- 2 In which galaxy is the Earth?
- 3 Which planet was discovered 150 years ago this September?

Post your entry to:

Jodrell Bank Competition
The LEGO Club, LEGO UK Ltd, Ruthin Road,
Wrexham, Clwyd LL13 7TQ

Closing date: 30th April 1996.

Look out for National Astronomy Week

September 21st to 28th 1996 when you can see a total eclipse of the moon.

It also marks the 150th Anniversary of the discovery of the planet Neptune.

Space Tips

If you fancy yourself as a budding astronomer, here are a few tips to help you get started:

- Don't buy an expensive telescope to begin with. Instead, use a pair of good binoculars.

- Never look at the Sun through binoculars or a telescope.

- Start with observing a half-moon. Then move on to the stars!

- Find out from the local library where and when your nearest Astronomical Society meets - or contact Jodrell Bank on

01477 571339.

Quick Build

HOVERCRAFT

Hey! Check out this great idea to build a sleek Hovercraft using pieces from the LEGO SYSTEM SHUTTLE Transcon 2 (6544) - or adapt it using similar pieces from your own collection.

It's easy - just follow the 6 steps! Should take you about 15 mins. Time yourself and good luck!

STEP

1

STEP

2

STEP

3

STEP

4

STEP

5

STEP

6

AVAILABLE SOON

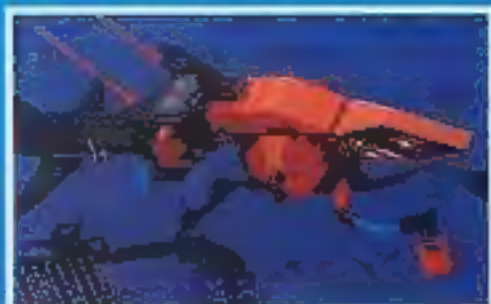
The evil Aquasharks have invaded our world with their Aquashark Sea Wolf - a sinister shark-like craft used to help them in their quest to steal the crystals from the Aquanauts.

Aquasharks are from Aquazone - the exciting underwater world created for you by the LEGO team.

Join the greatest high sea adventure with the Marauder - new to the LEGO Pirate range.

With her sails featuring skull and cross bones the Marauder strikes fear in to those unfortunate enough to cross her deadly path.

Look out for both of these exciting ranges in the shops now.



TOURING SHOWS

AQUAZONE

Birchwood, Warrington
30th March - 20th April

Emsleigh Centre,
Staines
27th April - 11th May

The Friary, Guildford
18th May - 8th June

Princes Quay, Hull
15th June - 29th June

Flip N'Build



Step 3

Crazy Builders

Wolsey Place, Woking
19th April - 4th May

Royal Priors,
Leamington Spa
15th May - 1st June

Tower, Ballymena
7th June - 23rd June

* SHOWS ONLY OPEN DURING NORMAL SHOPPING HOURS. PLEASE CHECK WITH RELEVANT CENTRE BEFORE TRAVELLING

WE'RE THE **BIGGEST** AND **BEST!**

HEY KIDS! The LEGO Club is the biggest and best - buzzing with crazy building fun and a **smart new logo**. Have you checked it out yet?

We've also introduced a great new slogan:
"It's so hot...it's cool!"

That's because the LEGO Club is the **hottest** Club around - in fact we think it's so hot, that we want to let everyone in on the big secret!

You'll spot our new LEGO Club logo and slogan in every issue of Bricks n' Pieces. You'll see them in the VIP Club area when you visit the new LEGOLAND Windsor (more about this in our next issue).

Now everyone is going to want to join the LEGO Club. But there's just one rule - only really **cool kids** can become members. And you're OK...you're already a member! You don't have to do anything.

As a member of the LEGO Club you'll now get - not 3 - **but 5** mean mags winging their way to you over the year. You'll go **wild** over the

HOT NEWS
HOT TIPS
HOT COMPETITIONS
plus stacks more!

We'll let you know when it's time to renew your membership - and then we'll send you a really smart re-joining pack plus your new membership card for senior Club members.

The LEGO Club is the biggest and best. We want it to stay that way. So send us all your wild and wacky ideas and tell us what's goin' down.

IT'S COOL!

And don't forget...**stay cool** - and keep building!

In this issue we highlight some more mean models from brick-crazy builders like you! Why not send your imagination wild and send in a photo of your wacky creations to us!

Well done to all of you whose models are seen below - you all won Golden Brick Awards. It's a pity we can't show them all, 'cos you've got some great ideas - keep on building!

send a photo of your
LEGO Model to:

Master Builder GOLDEN BRICKS AWARDS



Watch out for flying LEGO bricks! - Neil Justice, from Hertfordshire built this throwing machine after he visited a castle on holiday - they used to use these to throw rocks at the enemy!



Here's a model of a famous disaster - the sinking of S.S. Titanic, by Oliver Mitchell, aged 9 from Bolton (Membership No. 13490). He's even included the iceberg!



Jonathan Bentley, aged 6 1/2, from Birmingham (Membership No. 144768) has built this smart soldier - he's nearly as big as you Jonathan!



At last! Neele's found a play mate - his name is 'Loch LEGO' and was built by Paul Rustidge, aged 11 from Essex. (Membership No. 64685)

REMEMBER TO INCLUDE YOUR PHOTO

(Membership No. 142817)
has built a Ferrari Formula 1
car - it even has a working
engine and rear wheel drive -
even the Space Police
couldn't catch you
in this!

MEMBERSHIP NUMBER
AND MODEL NAME.
PICTURES CANNOT
BE RETURNED.



Another
Golden Brick goes
to Alastair Sloan,
who's 8 from Berkshire
(Membership No. 52720)
We think your LEGO
violin is a great idea -
keep on practising
Alastair!

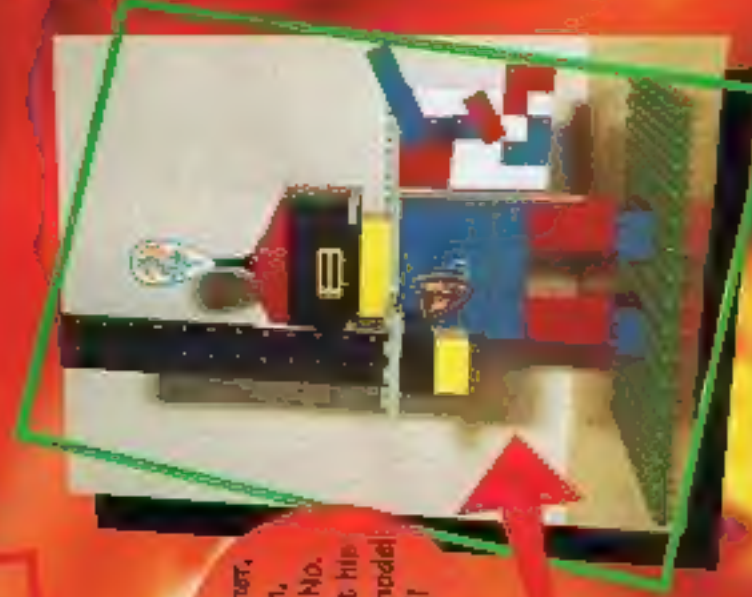


Christopher Daley,
who's 7 from Blackpool
(Membership No. 164025)
has built this super
'amphibian' model which
means it can work in or
out of the water!
Clever isn't it?



The 'M-TRON'
ROBO-COP is on the
move - so watch out!
it's awesome!
Jonathan King, aged 9
from Suffolk
(Membership No. 573000)

Alasdair Bulmer,
from Bolton,
(Membership No.
20111) has built his
'Black Knight' model
- SPOOKY!!!



Nell Adams,
from Essex has
built this super fast
racing car.
We love the colour
Nell!

Benjamin Engel,
aged 7 from Sussex
has built a mean
machine - it's called
'Police Alert'. Watch out
for the canon on
the back!



What a
great model of a
Gallimuse, just like
Jurassic Park by
Lewis Porter, who's 9
from Sussex.
(Membership No.
41553)



Fancy going
for a ride on this?
- It's 'HOVERSEED 4'
and it was built by
Christopher Bowden
who's 8 from
Hartford.



Guess the number
of LEGO bricks it took to
build Greg Mitchell's helicopter
called 'STAR'. That's what his
school mates had to do. They
raised £8 for the BBC Children
In Need Appeal - well done!
Greg is aged 11, from Glasgow
(Membership No. 4122)



Adventures in space

LAUNCH
COMMAND,
THE SHUTTLE IS IN
FINAL LAUNCH
POSITION.

LAUNCH COMMAND, I'M
GOING DOWN TO MISSION
CONTROL. I WANT A FRONT
ROW SEAT FOR
THIS LAUNCH.

ATTENTION: BE ON THE
LOOKOUT FOR JAILBREAK
JOE! HE MIGHT TRY TO
GUM UP THIS LAUNCH.

HOW
TRUE—
HEH! HEH!

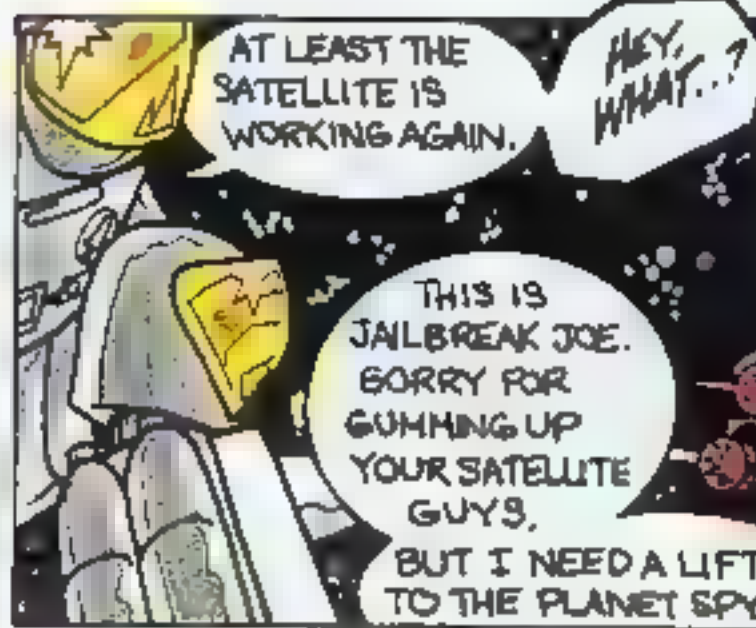
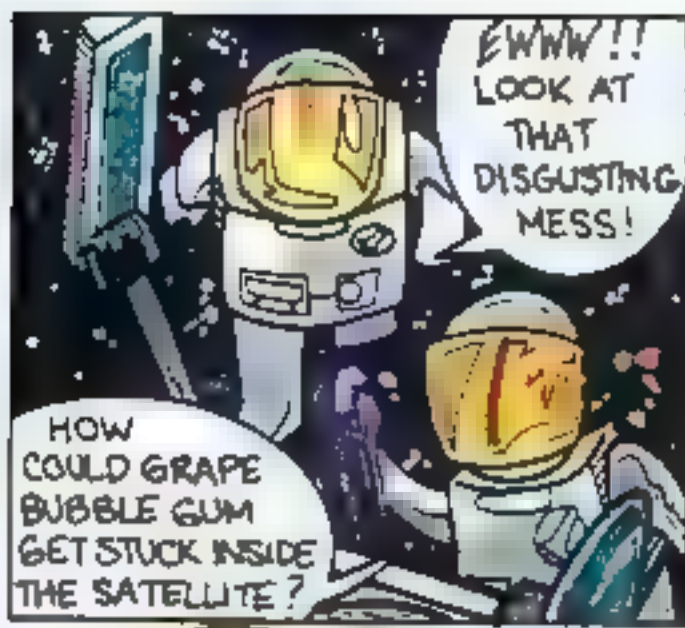
WOW!
WHAT A
SUPER
SPECTACULAR
LIFTOFF!

GREAT JOB,
LAUNCH COMMAND.
THE VIEW FROM
HERE IS FANTASTIC.

WE'RE
ACTIVATING
THE CANADIAN
ARM TO
DEPLOY THE
COMMUNICATIONS
SATELLITE.

LAUNCH
COMMAND, THERE'S
A PROBLEM WITH
THE SATELLITE.

WE'RE GOING
OUT TO TAKE
A LOOK.

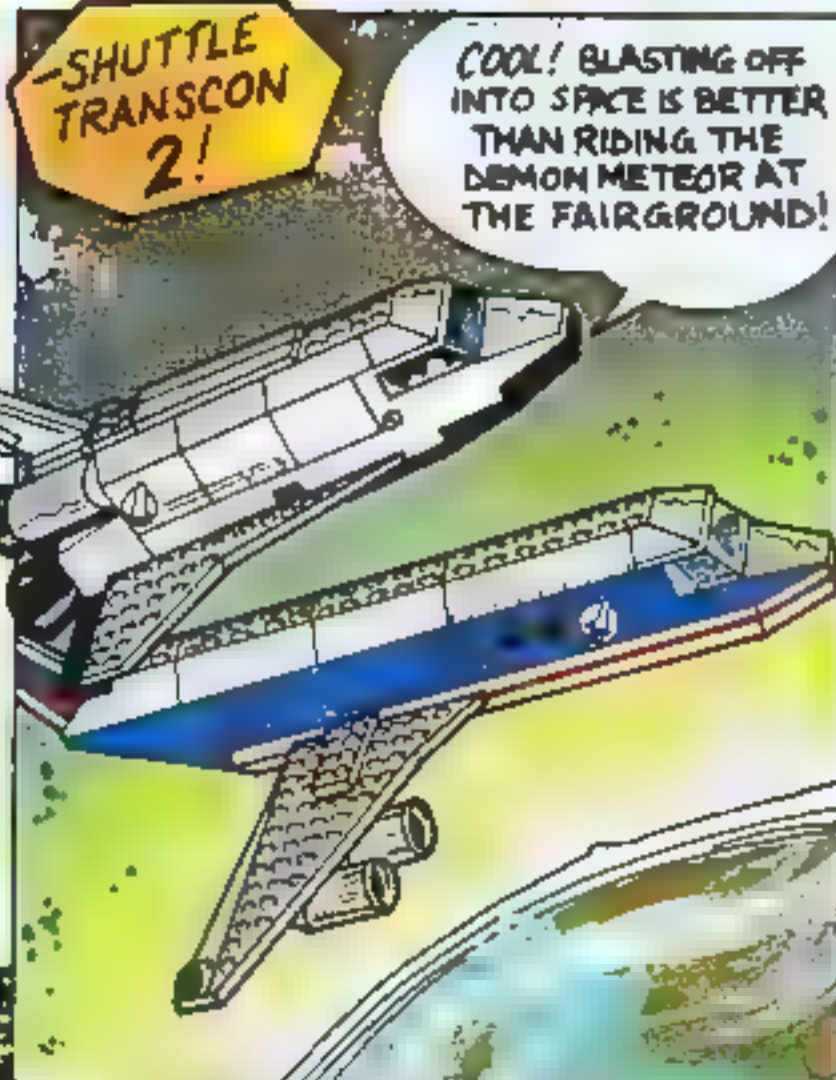


SEE YA, WOULD'NT WANNA BE YA! HA-HA-HA!



HELP! JAILBREAK JOE HAS STRANDED US ON THE SATELLITE AND TAKEN THE SHUTTLE TO THE PLANET SPYRIUS...

I GOTTA GET TO THE SATELLITE,



OOFS! WE'RE RUNNING LOW ON FUEL. WE'D BETTER MAKE A PIT STOP AT THE PLANET UNITRON, BEFORE WE HEAD TO SPYRIUS!

See the next issue for another exciting adventure!

DARE YOU ENTER

The LEGO TECHNIC



Hold on tight to your seats for the adventure of a lifetime - this is your chance to enter the LEGO TECHNIC Zone!

If you're a sound LEGO brick builder, you'll enjoy the challenge of LEGO TECHNIC sets. There are models for every mission and a chance to design your own creations too.

LEGO TECHNIC Starter Sets are here in the shops now.

The Hawaiian Beach Racer (8207) can be motorised using set number 8720.

The Transformer Set (8244) builds up into 9 different models, including a trike, sports car and snow scooter.

The Powerboat Columbia (8223) is propellor-driven via a gear ratio. It also builds into a light helicopter and can be motorised - again with set 8720.

Look out for other LEGO TECHNIC Starter Sets in the shops.

The LEGO TECHNIC Zone - so many ways to boldly go.

READY FOR THIS?

WIN

A LEGO TECHNIC FOOTBALL

WITH LEGO TECHNIC STARTER SETS
1000 LEGO TECHNIC Footballs to be won!

Keep a look out for the new LEGO TECHNIC Starter Sets appearing in the shops! For this is your chance to win one of 1000 LEGO TECHNIC footballs.

LEGO Technic

Winning tokens can be found in selected LEGO TECHNIC Starter Sets from March.





A WALK in the PARK

A special report by Tom Koller

LEGO Club Reporter Tom Koller visited LEGOLAND Windsor for a sneak preview before it opened.



LEGOLAND

WINDSOR

Tom, who is 10 and lives in Dawlish, Devon, let his imagination run wild when he spent a whole day at the new theme park.

He explored the park from top to bottom, saw more LEGO bricks than he's ever dreamed of and did some really cool things. What's more, he picked up lots of crazy building ideas to try out at home.

Tom first visited LEGOLAND Windsor a year ago when things were just beginning. A lot has happened since then.

Here, he lets you in on the BIG SECRET and shares some of the surprises with you.

"Hi gang! Well, this is the place we've all been waiting for. Lots has happened since I last visited the Park - and it sounds really cool! Can't wait to get inside...."

LEGOLAND
WINDSOR

WHAT
WOULD YOU
BUILD WITH

25,000,000

LEGO
LEGOLAND
WINDSOR

Thousands of lucky
LEGO Club members had
a special preview of the
New LEGOLAND Windsor
Theme Park shortly
before it opened. Here's
how they celebrated....



Full steam ahead!
See LEGOLAND
by train.



Where do
we begin?



Take a
spin
under
this
giant
spider!

PIRATE
CAMP FIRE

Done to
a turn!

HEY KIDS! BRR! What a
cold day to visit LEGOLAND Windsor! We
bet your teeth were chattering. **BUT HEY!**
Look at all those cool dudes!

It's a wild place - over **25 million** LEGO bricks
and **thousands** of LEGO models. Rides, shows,
building workshops ... oh! and Miniland,
with 800 model buildings and 700
trains, cars, ships, cranes and tiny
people. Cool, huh?

My Town is smart - there's a clown
stunt show in the harbour. You can
learn real tricks in the Magic Theatre
and ride the high wire in Brickadilly's Circus.

"Hang in there!"



This is me in the Rat Trap - ain't no way you'll find me in this jungle of scramble nets and chutes. It's so much fun, I think I'll stay here for the rest of the day...

"On to MY TOWN, past the station and the Mayor standing on the Town Hall steps. And here's the Magic Theatre. Wow!"

"The Pirate Falls are scary - don't look over your shoulder 'cos you never know what you'll find!"

"Aaah! Help! This may be the Amazing Sword Cabinet"

but I'm not taking any chances! Get me out of here..."



"Last stop - the TECHNIC Garage."

Here, you can learn about engines, throttles, gears, brakes and clutches. I'm in training to be world motor racing champion. What a monster machine! Does it suit me?"

"Well, that's all for now. But there's lots more to see - more than I had time to visit! There's Brickadilly's Circus and Fairground - where you can ride on the high wire. And the LEGO Driving School - learn to drive and get your own licence. Cool, eh?"



"Phew! I'm exhausted - what a day! LEGOLAND is definitely the place to be. It opens on 28th March - so get down to Windsor - fast!"

Don't forget! LEGO Club Members can visit the LEGOLAND Park at Windsor for a special entry price of £10.00 when they pre-book (£2.00 off normal price)

Your Flip N'Build Dragon is complete!



WALKY WINNERS

K4 · BOO · K1

Competition

The winners and winning slogans are:

1 Sarah Neave, Essex, Kent.

"I think LEGO kids wear is cool because it's hot for kids."

2 Thomas Beck, London.

"I think LEGO kids wear is cool because - when it comes to fashion, LEGO kids wear is my passion."

LEGOLAND® Competition

James Hewitt, of Manchester, is the winner of the LEGOLAND Competition with the following answers:

1. 15 years
2. Edinburgh Castle
3. Maersk Air
4. The Thames
5. 1985

James wins two great prizes - an all expenses paid trip to LEGOLAND in Denmark and a visit to the new LEGOLAND Windsor, which opens at the end of March. He will be taking his family with him on both trips. Well done James!

Trips to LEGOLAND Denmark and LEGOLAND Windsor are available through Specialised Tours. For details on short breaks available, ring 01342 712785

